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CASA of Forsyth County Volunteer Susan Gant Awarded 2009 CASA Volunteer of the Year in Georgia

Atlanta, Apr. 14, 2010 – Susan Gant, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer with CASA of Forsyth County in Cumming, has been chosen as the 2009 Karen N. Sibley CASA Volunteer of the Year in Georgia. (The award is named in honor of the founder of Georgia CASA.)

Susan has been a dedicated CASA volunteer with CASA of Forsyth County since 2001 and has advocated for over 20 children. Being fluent in Spanish and having lived throughout the world, she has demonstrated cultural expertise in her role as a CASA volunteer and provided empathetic support to numerous families of the children she has served. She also gives valuable insight to the court in an effort to bridge cultural gaps.

In addition to serving as a CASA volunteer, Susan also mentors new CASA volunteers with the CASA program and helps with the training of new CASA volunteers. She is a tireless CASA volunteer and a remarkable advocate for the CASA organization in Georgia.

Georgia CASA, Inc., develops and supports affiliate CASA programs throughout Georgia. Through individualized attention, CASA volunteers advocate for the best interests of abused, neglected and abandoned children. Bringing urgency to a child's needs, both in and out of a courtroom, CASA volunteers promote safety, permanency and well-being through independent recommendations.

Last year, over 2,000 CASA volunteers served over 8,700 children in Georgia. Currently, 48 affiliate programs are located across Georgia, serving 135 counties. To contact CASA of Forsyth County, visit www.forsythcountycaas.org or call 770-886-2800. For more information about CASA in Georgia, visit www.gacasa.org or call 404-874-2888 / 800-251-4012.

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